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It is predicted that within a few years eyeglasses and spectacles will be so scarce that there will be no demand for them except as curiosities, and we can see the signs offering them at two cents a pair. This is consistent with the progress of science in this age of wonders, of flying machines, wireless telegraphy, etc., but especially in the marvelous advancement of knowledge in saving lives and health—including that of the all-important sense of sight. Eyeglasses are Merely Eye Crutches. A book has been written by Dr. Corish, an eminent New York physician, on eyestrain and other eye disorders which cause so much trouble to those afflicted, including the need of wearing eyeglasses or spectacles. This treatise explains a simple, safe, self-home-treatment method whereby one who wears eyeglasses, or fears the need of soon doing so, may gradually strengthen the nerves, muscles and membranes of the eyes until they are in so much better condition that "optician's windows" are unnecessary. Any one who reads the book soon realizes that Dr. Corish has given the world what it has long desired—a system of eye saving that is absolutely devoid of belladonna, opium, atropine or other harmful drugs, commonly used in eye remedies, and which depend chiefly upon the finer principles of nature. Dr. Corish has written enthusiastically, yet carefully, of his experiences with the edict that eyeglasses must go. His slogan is "Throw Away Your Glasses."

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Had the French presidential election been one day later, it would have fallen on the anniversary of another election in that same place of Versailles where the fateful votes were cast. It was on January 18, 1871, at the headquarters of the invading army at Versailles, that William, King of Prussia, by his fellow-sovereigns of the Chamber of Deputies, was raised to the rank of German Emperor.

The first appearance of the new cabinet before the French Chamber of Deputies was demonstrated that the efforts of Premier Aristide Briand to restore harmony in the Republican camp have not been successful. It is true he received a big majority at the conclusion of the debate on the general policy of the French government, but his ministerial declarations, which he read in person at the Palais Bourbon, were received coldly, although he promised that his cabinet would continue the policy of his predecessor, Poincaré, the newly elected President. In regard to electoral reforms, the income tax bill, labor legislation pertaining to the organization of mixed associations of capital and labor, to ensure to workmen a proper share of the profits.

Although Mr. Briand announced amnesty for political offenders as the first act of his administration he failed to enthrone the Socialists, his former colleagues.

There are four members of the new Briand cabinet who did not belong to that of Premier Poincaré, Bathon, Jonnard, Etienne, and Baudin.

Mr. Jonnard, who is sixty-five, is a man of talent and comes from an old and wealthy family of the north of France. After acting as secretary to the Governor General of Algeria, he was elected a Deputy in 1891 and was Minister of Public Works in the Casimir Perrier cabinet in 1892. In the Chamber he won great popularity as an accomplished orator. But it is chiefly as Governor General of Algeria (1903 to 1911) that he made his reputation as a tactful and energetic man. It caused a sensation in official Paris when he resigned his post in Algeria as a protest against the fall of the last Briand ministry.

The late King Edward of England, during his cruises in the Mediterranean, was very fond of stopping over at Algiers. He had a special liking for sturdy, honest Mr. Jonnard, who in reality was one of the few French men for whom he professed high esteem and even affection. He saw him each year, and in the interval remained in contact with him by means of correspondence. Mr. Jonnard's experience in Algeria, and his ability to solve the complicated problems awaiting France in Morocco.

Like Mr. Lloyd-George, the British chancellor, whom he resembled, Mr. Briand has scaled the heights of fame with amazing celerity, even seemingly without effort. No longer than a short ten years ago he was but a struggling provincial lawyer, nevertheless the present is his second call to the dignity of a premier of France, a rare achievement even for a country of political possibilities. Mr. Briand is an extraordinary man, who with a velvet glove conceals a hand of iron. He owes his success to a large degree to his oratorical powers and great organizing talent, but also to his ability to seize fleeting opportunity at the psychological moment. And he has shown before that he knows how to abide his time.

The most striking feature of a striking face is a pair of gleaming dark eyes, and to him, too, "the impossible is ever one thing easy of attainment." Rather tall for a Frenchman, with slight stoop, his slim frame looks little fitted to bear the arduous hours of parliamentary and executive work, which for several years has been his daily lot. His black straight hair (like his short mustache tinged with gray) is brushed back from a square, massive forehead, surmounting a clever face with a curiously pensive, almost morose expression. He is fifty years of age.

Aristide Briand was born at Nantes, where his parents kept a small hotel, owing to the humble position of his family he found his path from the elementary school to the university beset with difficulties. Nevertheless, he succeeded in accomplishing one of his cherished ambitions—the passing of his law examination.

After graduating he practiced law at St. Nazaire. Springing from humble stock his sympathies remained with the poor, the "disfranchised" life. Lloyd George, he began to study social problems as a young advocate and made the cause of the masses his own. Pretty soon "Comrade" Briand occupied a leading place among the advanced Socialists in the Department of the Loire. Being recognized as a clever propagandist, he was made secretary of their party.

Next the idea of entering Parliament took possession of the Socialists. When in 1902 he was elected Deputy for the Loire department his ambitions in that direction had already received many rebuffs, but with Aristide Briand's case was different. His foot once on the lowest rung of the Parliamentary ladder, he set out to climb to the top. He saw that a period of self-effacement was necessary in order that he might reach the summit of his revolutionary utterances. But his keen brain was at work, and soon his opportunity came. He had entered Parliament at a moment when religious strife was at its height. The separation of church and state was the vexed question of the day. Some people did not want a separation law, others insisted on a radical one, and hoped to strike a fatal blow at religion in France. M. Briand, recognizing the desirability of conciliation as a first principle, set about drafting a separation bill which should be acceptable to all parties. This was his golden chance, and to this end he devoted himself entirely. Briand's bill was found so superior to any other offered that Parliament adopted it. It called for fierce criticism on the head of its author. Briand defended his measure with so much ability that M. Sarrien, when forming his cabinet in 1906, offered him the portfolio of public instruction, so that he might apply the law he had created. The fury of his Socialist comrades on seeing their chief apostate enter the ministry, did not perturb Briand. With such fearlessness did he fulfill his duty of his delicate position that Clemenceau when he succeeded Sarrien entrusted to him the portfolio of justice.

Owing to his firm attitude at the time of the railway strike, which necessitated vigorous measures on the part of the French government, the parliamentary socialist group expelled him as a traitor and a renegade. But nothing daunted, Briand kept up his religious pacification policy, incidentally effecting many social reforms in keeping with the principles he always advocated, notably the permission to workmen to serve as jurors in the assize courts.

Then came the downfall of Clemenceau and President Fallières discovered that Briand was the only man to whom he logically could entrust the formation of a new ministry. Barely made premier, the second great railway strike broke out. Once more he found his incautious utterances of earlier days invoked against him. He replied that it is permissible for a man to change his opinion, and that even if his ideas had remained unchanged he would never allow the government to become enfeebled. In his handling of this widespread industrial upheaval, he revealed himself as the strong man he is.

When the Briand cabinet fell after fifteen months of existence, "his career is ended," was the jubilation cry of his enemies. No, Aristide Briand's career was not ended. Such a man could not be so easily defeated. He was very fond of stopping over at Algiers. He had a special liking for sturdy, honest Mr. Jonnard, who in reality was one of the few French men for whom he professed high esteem and even affection. He saw him each year, and in the interval remained in contact with him by means of correspondence. Mr. Jonnard's experience in Algeria, and his ability to solve the complicated problems awaiting France in Morocco.

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Remarkable Feats of Memory.

From THE BIBLE. Of the many examples of prodigious memories which have been recorded from time to time none, perhaps, have been so remarkable as the case of Rev. Thomas Threlkeld, who was a Presbyterian minister at Rochdale for twenty-eight years, and died there in April, 1896, at the age of sixty-seven. Threlkeld's memory first attracted attention when he attended the grammar school at Daventry, where he could immediately give it chapter and verse, and on the other hand, if a chapter and verse were given he could at once repeat the passage.

Both at Daventry and Warrington, where he went to finish his education, his fellow students delighted in putting his memory to the test, and never once was it known to be at fault. "In later years," says Mr. Frank Hird, in "Lancashire Stories," "Threlkeld was looked upon as a living concordance to the Bible in Rochdale and the neighborhood, and he was constantly asked the most puzzling questions by his brother ministers, sometimes actually for information, but generally for mere amusement. His knowledge of historical dates, were encyclopaedic, and one of his favorite amusements was to go through the succession in the Episcopal sees and trace the pedigrees of families. "In only one direction," continues Mr. Hird, "would this wonderful memory seem to have been of direct service. Threlkeld was one of the managers of a

fund for the benefit of the widows of Presbyterian ministers, and consequently was frequently appealed to on circumstances connected with the lives of dead ministers, and such was the opinion of his memory that if the books had been consulted and had been reported differently the error would have been imputed to the secretary and not to Mr. Threlkeld's memory. This was deemed infallible."

Maine's Mysterious Cave.

From THE NEW YORK TIMES. Within the past week the heat of the spring sun at midday caused the masses of snow that cover Mount Katahdin in Maine to loosen the frozen grip they have held for months, and a snowslide took place on the southern side that covered acres of territory and carried rocks and forest trees before it, until it ceased its course half way down the side of the mountain. As it passed on its way it tore the trees and tangled bushes near the front of the mysterious cave which had not been visible for some fifteen or twenty years. This yawning black hole in the side of Maine's highest mountain has for years been the subject of legend and speculation. While the cave has been visible at intervals, the few parties which have set out to explore it have never been able to find the entrance, although at the time of their departure it was plainly visible from the country about the foot of the mountain.

Days have been spent wandering in the woods to no avail, and as the dark hole has been visible only at widely separated intervals, no exploring party has been able to profit by the experience of its predecessors. The presumption is that the cave is so set in the side of the mountain and its mouth so overgrown with bushes that the opening is visible only from certain angles, and that during the climb up the mountain this angle is lost and the search for the entrance has proved unavailing for this reason. The theory prevails among some of the woodmen that it is only when a miniature avalanche takes place on the side of the mountain that the forest growth is swept aside sufficiently to show the entrance to it.

MOST SICKNESS COMES FROM WEAK, INACTIVE KIDNEYS

Recent Reports Show Hundreds Suffer with Kidney Troubles and Don't Know It.

There are scores of nervous, tired, run-down people throughout the city suffering with pains in the back and sides, dizzy spells, weaknesses of the bladder (frequently causing annoyance at night), who fail to realize the seriousness of their troubles until such conditions as chronic rheumatism, bladder troubles, dropsy, diabetes, or even Bright's disease result. All this is due to weak inactive kidneys. The kidneys are the filters of the blood, and no one can be well and healthy unless the kidneys work properly. It is even more important that the bowels move regularly. If you suffer with such symptoms don't neglect yourself another day and run the risk of serious complications. Secure an original package of the new

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